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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF
MISSING REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371**

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Attention: Tamala D. Holland (EO/US)

Dear Ms. Holland:

Referring to our telephone conference on Friday, May 27, 2005, this is submitted in response to the "Notification of Missing Requirements..." of April 4, 2005 on the above-identified application.

Submitted are:

- 1) a copy of the Notification of April 4, 2005;

2) a copy of the inventors' declaration, filed on April 25, 2003 under PCT Rule 4.17 (iv) as part of the Request, totaling two pages.

As the inventors' declaration has been previously submitted, once with the filing of PCT/IB03/01555 and again with the filing of the present National Stage application on October 21, 2004, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is due at the present time.

An early acceptance of the present application into the U.S. National Stage as of October 21, 2004 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 10/21/2004
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 10/21/2004
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 10/21/2004
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 10/21/2004

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- **\$130** Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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FORM PCT/DO/EO/905 (371 Formalities Notice)

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)
The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
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I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

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I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

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Prior Applications: JP2002-123295, JAPAN, 25 APRIL 2002

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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